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ANTI-AIRCRAFT AND CHEMICAL DEFENSE CONTESTS  
 BETWEEN TEAMS OF DOSAAF PRIMARY ORGANIZATIONS

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The workers of our country are studying in PVKhO (antiaircraft and chemical defense) circles with great enthusiasm and are acquiring the theoretical knowledge and practical experience necessary for local antiaircraft defense. They are studying various types of bombs and the organization of local antiaircraft defense of factories, plants, and homes, are learning how to use gas masks and fire extinguishers, and how to administer first aid.

The knowledge and experience which Dosaaf members acquire in PVKhO circles should be strengthened by practical studies and drills. The most effective type of training exercise is rayon and city competitions between PVKhO teams of Dosaaf primary organizations.

These interesting mass competitions should be held once or twice a year in every rayon and city Dosaaf organization, and all primary organizations of the society should participate in them.

PVKhO contests help the workers in mastering techniques of antiaircraft, chemical, fire, and medical defense, and bring forward new teaching personnel who are well instructed and devoted to their work. These competitions also afford an opportunity to examine the achievements of Dosaaf organizations in preparing members of the society and the population in general for antiaircraft and chemical defense.

PVKhO contests are held on holidays in parks of culture and rest or at stadiums and sports fields, in order to attract the attention of the mass of spectators.

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Rayon and city Dosaaf organizational committees set up a board of judges and referees for each exercise. Members of the board of judges and referees are chosen from among the most active PVKhO instructors, from MPVO (local antiaircraft defense) workers, the fire department, medical institutions, and reserve officers and sergeants.

The board of judges operates according to regulations laid down by the rayon or city Dosaaf organizational committee. These regulations are drawn up with the help of party, soviet, trade union, and Komsomol organizations, local organs of the MPVO, fire department and fire inspection office (nadzor), health sections, and Red Cross and Red Crescent committees. Representatives of these organizations must be included on the board of judges.

Exercises to be performed during the contests are determined by local conditions and available equipment. The following exercises are recommended for rayon and city PVKhO competitions:

1. "Extinguishing thermite incendiary bombs." This exercise should be performed by two members from each team.
2. "Extinguishing of fires set by liquid (zhidkiye) incendiary bombs." Three persons from each team.
3. "Donning a gas mask from a ready position." All members of each team.
4. "Changing a gas mask in the presence of poison gas." Four persons from each team.
5. "Decontamination of an area using sieve decontaminating units (sitono-silki)." Four members from each team.
6. "Decontamination of an area using a portable decontamination apparatus." Three persons from each team.
7. "Carrying injured on stretchers." Four persons from each team.
8. "Carrying injured on stretchers; bandaging; use of splints." Four persons from each team.
9. "Firing from a small-caliber rifle at a distance of 25 meters while wearing a gas mask." Four persons from each team.

Persons over 18 years of age who have met "Ready for PVKhO" standards and who have received a doctor's authorization may participate in PVKhO contests.

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